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INTRODUCTION.

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

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STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

VICTORIA—POPULATION.

Period.	Victoria.			Melbourne and Suburbs.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Census—				
1901 (31st March)	603,720	597,350	1,201,070	496,079
1911 (3rd April)	655,591	659,960	1,315,551	593,237
1921 (4th April)	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	782,979
1933 (30th June)	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	991,934
1947 (30th June)	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,226,409
1954 (30th June)	1,230,969	1,221,368	2,452,337	(a) 1,524,062
At 31st December (estimated)—				
1950	1,116,962	1,114,294	2,231,256	1,326,400
1951	1,152,772	1,138,582	2,291,354	1,360,200
1952	1,192,644	1,164,179	2,356,823	1,393,000
1953	1,214,862	1,190,434	2,405,296	1,426,500
1954	1,246,461	1,234,412	2,480,873	(b)

(a) Area of Melbourne and Suburbs was re-defined for statistical purposes as from 1st January, 1954.

(b) Not yet available.

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

Period.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population (a).			Infantile Mortality.
	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.
Year ended 31st December—								
1950	20,320	49,830	22,341	1,001	9·22	22·61	10·14	20·09
1951	21,117	50,553	23,446	1,143	9·31	22·28	10·33	22·61
1952	20,220	53,738	23,322	1,198	8·66	23·02	9·99	22·29
1953	19,238	53,561	22,650	1,133	8·07	22·46	9·50	21·15
1954	19,404	54,660	22,554	1,055	7·91	22·28	9·19	19·30

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes of Death.	Year Ended 31st December—	
	1953.	1954 (a).
Tuberculosis	279	245
Malignant Neoplasms	3,366	3,370
Diabetes	413	379
Vascular Lesions affecting Central Nervous System ..	3,071	3,099
Diseases of the Heart	7,409	7,382
General Arteriosclerosis	827	830
Pneumonia	659	673
Nephritis and Nephrosis	415	354
Certain Diseases of Early Infancy	705	658
Accidents	1,174	1,246

(a) Subject to revision.

II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.

VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT.
(Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Government Employment.(b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories.(c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1939—July ..	90.0 (e)	267.5 (e)	357.5	5.5	128.4	36.4	45.4	75.9		35.9
1952—June ..	153.7	370.8	524.5	5.2	204.1	52.3	71.3	35.9	55.4	49.0
1953—June ..	150.9	370.7	521.6	5.3	206.4	49.5	69.0	36.3	54.7	49.4
1954—June ..	154.8	384.9	539.7	4.9	216.1	51.5	72.0	36.9	57.2	50.1
1954—January	152.8	378.1	530.9	5.0	211.9	48.8	70.6	36.8	56.8	50.0
February	153.2	380.4	533.6	5.0	213.5	49.3	71.0	36.6	56.9	50.1
March ..	153.8	383.2	537.0	5.0	215.0	50.9	70.8	36.6	57.4	50.2
1955—January	155.7	393.5	549.2	4.7	221.9	50.8	71.7	37.4	60.2	50.8
February	155.8	394.4	550.2	4.7	222.0	51.5	71.4	37.3	60.2	51.1
March ..	156.9	396.0	552.9	4.8	222.8	52.5	71.6	37.1	60.3	51.7
FEMALES.										
1939—July ..	16.8 (e)	126.1 (e)	142.9	0.1	63.9	0.3	3.3	30.8		34.3
1952—June ..	36.9	169.7	206.6	0.1	76.6	1.1	11.6	30.8	20.2	56.6
1953—June ..	35.6	170.3	205.9	0.1	79.6	1.1	10.6	29.8	19.8	56.1
1954—June ..	36.3	181.4	217.7	0.1	86.6	1.2	10.3	31.6	21.2	57.9
1954—January	35.3	177.4	212.7	0.1	84.4	1.2	10.2	30.7	20.3	56.8
February	35.8	179.6	215.4	0.1	86.2	1.2	10.2	30.7	20.7	57.4
March ..	36.2	182.9	219.1	0.1	88.4	1.2	10.4	31.1	21.1	58.1
1955—January	36.8	185.5	222.3	0.1	87.9	1.2	10.7	32.7	21.8	58.7
February	37.2	187.2	224.4	0.1	89.1	1.2	10.8	32.7	22.3	58.9
March ..	38.6	188.3	226.9	0.1	89.8	1.3	10.9	32.7	22.6	60.3
PERSONS.										
1939—July ..	106.8 (e)	393.6 (e)	500.4	5.6	192.3	36.7	48.7	106.7		70.2
1952—June ..	190.6	540.5	731.1	5.3	280.7	53.4	82.9	66.7	75.6	105.6
1953—June ..	186.5	541.0	727.5	5.4	286.0	50.6	79.6	66.1	74.5	105.5
1954—June ..	191.1	566.3	757.4	5.0	302.7	52.7	82.3	68.5	78.4	108.0
1954—January	188.1	555.5	743.6	5.1	296.3	50.0	80.8	67.5	77.1	106.8
February	189.0	560.0	749.0	5.1	299.7	50.5	81.2	67.3	77.6	107.5
March ..	190.0	566.1	756.1	5.1	303.4	52.1	81.2	67.7	78.5	108.3
1955—January	192.5	579.0	771.5	4.8	309.8	52.0	82.4	70.1	82.0	109.5
February	193.0	581.6	774.6	4.8	311.1	52.7	82.2	70.0	82.5	110.0
March ..	195.5	584.3	779.8	4.9	312.6	53.8	82.5	69.8	82.9	112.0

(a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household, Defence Force at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948), subject to revision.

(b) Employees of Commonwealth, State, Local, and Semi-Governmental authorities.

(c) From July, 1948, the monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, &c., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, &c., *excluding* female private domestic).

(e) Revised figures.

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT
OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.

(Adult Males.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
1939—September ..	81 0	77 0	76 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1950—February ..	134 0	130 0	130 0	133 0	132 0	134 0
May ..	137 0	133 0	133 0	136 0	135 0	136 0
August ..	140 0	135 0	136 0	139 0	139 0	140 0
November ..	143 0	138 0	139 0	142 0	143 0	142 0
December ..	162 0	157 0	158 0	161 0	162 0	161 0
1951—February ..	170 0	164 0	164 0	167 0	170 0	169 0
May ..	177 0	171 0	171 0	175 0	177 0	177 0
August ..	189 0	188 0	182 0	190 0	188 0	189 0
November ..	199 0	198 0	194 0	198 0	202 0	199 0
1952—February ..	209 0	208 0	205 0	207 0	211 0	209 0
May ..	212 0	211 0	209 0	211 0	215 0	212 0
August ..	224 0	221 0	221 0	222 0	227 0	224 0
November ..	228 0	227 0	226 0	227 0	233 0	228 0
1953—February ..	229 0	226 0	226 0	227 0	234 0	229 0
May ..	232 0	228 0	229 0	228 0	235 0	231 0
August (a) ..	235 0	232 0	232 0	232 0	239 0	235 0

(a) Current, February, 1955. Automatic adjustment of basic wage discontinued in Commonwealth Awards by the decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration announced on 12th September, 1953.

Note.—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

VICTORIA—INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK.

Period.	Num- ber.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti- mated Loss in Wages.
		Di- rectly.	Indi- rectly. (a)	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	
1939 Year	10	1,989	180	2,169	27,313	..	27,313	£'000 20
1951 „	41	27,219	..	27,219	42,210	..	42,210	104
1952 „	33	60,753	1,167	61,920	116,339	..	116,339	339
1953 „	53	65,962	2,164	68,126	57,160	..	57,160	176
1954 „	76	42,476	2,337	44,813	135,307	..	135,307	458
1953—March Qr. ..	13	5,544	52	5,596	4,908	..	4,908	15
June Qr.	10	8,214	2,008	10,222	11,618	213	11,831	29
Sept. Qr.	13	31,746	93	31,839	24,332	..	24,332	78
Dec. Qr.	17	20,458	11	20,469	13,856	2,233	16,089	54
1954—March Qr. ..	24	19,411	36	19,447	28,262	..	28,262	97
June Qr.	17	9,931	605	10,536	26,379	..	26,379	82
Sept. Qr.	19	3,618	517	4,135	13,096	2,670	15,766	49
Dec. Qr.	16	9,516	1,179	10,695	63,355	1,545	64,900	230
1955—March Qr. ..	25	8,539	824	9,363	19,603	1,736	21,339	63

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

Note.—The above statement has been compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician.

III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
November 1914 ..	671	..	..	..	..	..
„ 1921 ..	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1932 ..	813	776	808	794	838	811
„ 1939 ..	924	874	875	911	918	920
„ 1945 ..	1,135	1,086	1,099	1,113	1,139	1,131
„ 1946 ..	1,149	1,094	1,107	1,124	1,153	1,145
„ 1947 ..	1,188	1,132	1,141	1,170	1,186	1,184
„ 1948 ..	1,294	1,243	1,244	1,278	1,283	1,290
„ 1949 ..	1,415	1,365	1,365	1,397	1,398	1,411
„ 1950 ..	1,565	1,509	1,520	1,549	1,558	1,561
„ 1951 ..	1,880	1,857	1,826	1,871	1,886	1,877
„ 1952 ..	2,170	2,147	2,139	2,154	2,205	2,168
„ 1953 ..	2,285	2,265	2,261	2,263	2,323	2,283
„ 1954 ..	2,288	2,272	2,266	2,268	2,345	2,286
1953—March Quarter	2,250	2,217	2,220	2,217	2,286	2,247
June Quarter ..	2,279	2,251	2,257	2,256	2,320	2,277
September Qr.	2,301	2,283	2,276	2,290	2,335	2,300
December Qr.	2,310	2,310	2,289	2,290	2,352	2,309
1954—March Quarter	2,301	2,288	2,278	2,278	2,356	2,299
June Quarter ..	2,295	2,283	2,271	2,272	2,350	2,293
September Qr.	2,273	2,257	2,254	2,257	2,332	2,272
December Qr.	2,281	2,258	2,261	2,265	2,340	2,279
1955—March Quarter	2,302	2,276	2,280	2,275	2,356	2,300

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. A table relating to this index for varying periods from 1861 to 1950 is shown in issue No. 26 (March, 1953) of this publication. Particulars for subsequent years may be found in the "Labour Report" issued annually by the Commonwealth Statistician.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices referred to in the previous paragraph. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats, and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 Year ..	127	106	129	121	115	95	114	107	91	118	110
1931-32 „ ..	108	113	77	119	74	95	101	86	100	92	95
1938-39 „ ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1943-44 „ ..	131	170	150	143	140	174	153	129	182	122	140
1944-45 „ ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	131	182	123	141
1945-46 „ ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47 „ ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 „ ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 „ ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 „ ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 „ ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52 „ ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952-53 „ ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	294	292	331	320
1953-54 „ ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	313	271	343	321
1953-54—											
July ..	391	225	583	329	198	365	336	315	275	346	325
January ..	384	223	564	327	190	365	331	305	271	336	317
February ..	384	221	546	317	187	365	328	306	269	336	316
March ..	389	222	545	317	183	365	330	304	269	335	316
April ..	390	217	553	316	186	359	328	306	266	337	316
May ..	390	217	563	316	184	359	329	306	266	338	316
June ..	384	218	569	316	182	358	327	308	267	337	316
1954-55—											
July ..	384	217	569	313	183	358	327	308	266	337	316
August ..	384	216	529	313	205	358	325	308	267	336	316
September ..	385	216	527	313	232	365	327	308	271	336	317
October ..	385	211	505	313	240	365	325	303	269	332	313
November ..	393	211	491	314	240	365	327	305	277	331	315
December ..	393	212	507	315	225	365	328	307	277	333	317
January ..	396	215	501	315	237	365	330	305	279	332	316
February ..	399	215	505	315	257	373	333	313	281	340	322
March ..	400	214	507	315	264	381	336	319	282	345	326

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE AND REPATRIATION BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.

A.—SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS.

Period.	Pensioners at End of Period. (a)		Widows' Pensions (c) in Force at End of Period.		Maternity Allowances (d) Granted During Period.	Child Endowment. (f)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Maintaining a Child.	Not Maintaining a Child.		Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No. (e)	No.	No.
1913-14 Year ..	27,150	4,844	..	..	..	..	..
1920-21	30,385	11,174	..	..	36,778	..	..
1930-31	49,999	19,925	..	..	32,241	..	..
1938-39	(b) 67,896	(b) 19,471	..	..	20,819	..	..
1948-49	81,753	15,575	3,937	7,227	46,309	157,625	265,672
1949-50	84,831	14,328	3,892	7,168	49,035	168,904	(g) 452,333
1950-51	86,210	13,977	3,842	6,789	50,210	301,805	605,673
1951-52	87,845	13,973	3,724	6,498	52,144	317,591	642,693
1952-53	93,353	15,019	3,885	6,288	55,297	328,561	672,525
1953-54	98,210	15,882	3,885	5,942	54,219	339,022	699,220
1st July, 1954, to 21st March, 1955 ..	104,762	16,804	3,965	5,931	39,948	346,477	719,050

(a) Excluding age and invalid pensioners in benevolent institutions.

(b) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list.

(c) Commenced from 1st July, 1942. Particulars exclude pensions payable to widows in benevolent institutions.

(d) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(e) Not available.

(f) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

(g) As from 20th June, 1950, endowment became payable in respect of all children under sixteen years of age in a family.

Period.				Unemployment Benefits.(a)		Sickness Benefits.(a)	
				Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)	Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)
				No.	No.	No.	No.
1945-46 Year ..	..	..	..	2,695	579	10,169	1,790
1946-47 .. ..	..	..	..	16,187	667	14,550	2,468
1947-48 .. ..	..	..	..	1,029	66	17,105	2,506
1948-49 .. ..	..	..	..	288	51	16,712	3,444
1949-50 .. ..	..	..	..	1,037	151	15,120	3,745
1950-51 .. ..	..	..	..	1,145	32	14,715	1,733
1951-52 .. ..	..	..	..	3,058	1,133	11,838	1,578
1952-53 .. ..	..	..	..	39,245	5,939	11,046	2,059
1953-54 .. ..	..	..	..	9,590	1,203	12,843	2,035
1st July, 1954, to 21st March, 1955				(c) 1,856	306	(c) 9,818	1,952

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945.

(b) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.

(c) Period from 27th June, 1954, to 26th March, 1955.

B.—REPATRIATION BENEFITS.

Period.	War Pensions.				Service Pensions.(a)	
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
At 30th June—						
1921.. ..	26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801	..	..
1931.. ..	25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202	..	..
1939.. ..	25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1947.. ..	39,711	13,167	48,101	100,979	2,589	1,134
1948.. ..	41,931	13,285	51,648	106,864	2,793	1,192
1949.. ..	44,025	13,486	55,737	113,248	2,736	1,154
1950.. ..	46,553	13,743	61,297	121,593	2,784	1,099
1951.. ..	49,120	13,744	69,055	131,919	2,696	1,071
1952.. ..	51,098	13,758	75,518	140,374	2,661	1,125
1953.. ..	52,785	13,817	81,464	148,066	3,029	1,244
1954.. ..	54,213	13,941	86,456	154,610	3,308	1,318
At 31st March, 1955.. ..	55,612	14,019	90,735	160,366	3,555	1,353

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars relate to war pensions in respect of 1914–1918 War, 1939–1945 War, and the Korean and Malayan operations, and to service pensions in respect of the South African War, 1914–1918 War, and 1939–1945 War.

V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING : VESSELS AND TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.

Period.	Oversea.				Interstate.(a)		Total.	
	Direct.		Via Other States.					
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
<i>Entered.</i>								
1938–39 Year ..	188	'000 686	548	'000 3,100	2,243	'000 4,751	2,979	'000 8,537
1950–51 ..	426	1,945	573	3,185	1,288	3,399	2,287	8,529
1951–52 ..	446	1,997	548	3,140	1,322	3,611	2,316	8,748
1952–53 ..	314	1,370	585	3,322	1,549	3,934	2,448	8,626
1953–54 ..	331	1,495	629	3,488	1,586	4,030	2,546	9,013
1953–54—								
September Quarter..	65	284	151	854	395	978	611	2,116
December Quarter ..	73	314	162	911	414	1,048	649	2,273
March Quarter ..	83	378	171	972	374	997	628	2,347
June Quarter ..	110	519	145	751	403	1,007	658	2,277
1954–55—								
September Quarter..	107	482	162	905	376	899	645	2,286
December Quarter ..	121	554	176	946	376	1,006	673	2,506
March Quarter ..	122	572	181	955	402	1,052	705	2,579
<i>Cleared.</i>								
1938–39 Year ..	195	'000 757	495	'000 2,886	2,299	'000 4,837	2,989	'000 8,480
1950–51 ..	347	1,599	423	2,386	1,546	4,614	2,316	8,599
1951–52 ..	377	1,699	403	2,413	1,548	4,728	2,323	8,840
1952–53 ..	347	1,515	441	2,553	1,649	4,521	2,437	8,589
1953–54 ..	343	1,534	458	2,648	1,740	4,828	2,541	9,010
1953–54—								
September Quarter..	77	350	115	662	413	1,122	605	2,134
December Quarter ..	81	341	129	746	448	1,219	658	2,306
March Quarter ..	91	436	102	604	428	1,262	621	2,302
June Quarter ..	94	407	112	636	451	1,225	657	2,268
1954–55—								
September Quarter..	89	410	117	669	463	1,251	669	2,330
December Quarter ..	97	455	120	743	438	1,346	655	2,544
March Quarter ..	99	433	114	744	484	1,407	697	2,584

(a) Includes oversea vessels on interstate voyages.

OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Compiled from information collected by the Department of Trade and Customs.)

Period.				Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
				IMPORTS.		
Year ended 30th June—				£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939 ..	..	..	..	43,857	551	44,408
1952 ..	..	..	..	361,807	1,386	363,193
1953 ..	..	..	..	173,201	574	173,775
1954 ..	..	..	..	237,281	399	237,680
Nine months ended 31st March, 1955 (a)	..	..	..	220,025	129	220,154
				EXPORTS.		
Year ended 30th June—				£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939 ..	..	..	..	28,388	2,431	30,819
1952 ..	..	..	..	185,954	40	185,994
1953 ..	..	..	..	228,004	114	228,118
1954 ..	..	..	..	203,528	53	203,581
Nine months ended 31st March, 1955 (a)	..	..	..	159,047	54	159,101

(a) Subject to revision.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

(Values are in Australian currency f.o.b. at port of shipment.)

Article.				Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
				1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—				£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
Fish—							
Preserved in Tins ..	..	..	..	340	390	583	841
Other ..	..	..	..	150	198	402	482
Other Animal Foodstuffs ..	..	..	..	66	160	254	392
Total, Class I...	..	..	..	556	748	1,239	1,715

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN: NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
Nuts, Edible	124	71	424	249
Spices	59	44	195	167
Coffee and Chicory	266	370	846	869
Tea	1,365	3,016	3,523	6,622
Cocoa and Chocolate	359	316	677	1,284
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs, &c. .. .	130	132	398	623
Total, Class II.	2,303	3,949	6,063	9,814
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	70	103	164	315
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF—				
Tobacco—				
Unmanufactured	2,046	2,761	4,135	6,125
Manufactured	6	9	20	22
Cigarettes	201	113	974	361
Cigars, Snuff, &c.	7	8	23	36
Total, Class IV.	2,260	2,891	5,152	6,544
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.. .. .	35	24	74	35
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS—				
Hides and Skins	130	124	333	395
Wool	429	537	989	1,065
Other Animal Substances	182	89	473	260
Total, Class VI.	741	750	1,795	1,720
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Seeds	142	249	376	583
Fibres	1,198	815	3,668	3,555
Gums, Resins, and Balsams	91	98	223	260
Cork and Cork Manufactures	51	67	148	183
Other Vegetable Substances	136	148	458	534
Total, Class VII.	1,618	1,377	4,873	5,115

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL—				
Yarns	2,247	2,235	6,577	6,368
Manufactured Fibres	168	672	505	1,590
Textiles—				
Piece Goods	5,987	6,548	17,491	18,910
Other	1,420	1,294	3,560	4,685
Apparel	1,653	1,924	3,772	4,927
Total, Class VIII.	11,475	12,673	31,905	36,480
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Linseed Oil	40	50	145	105
Paraffin Wax	43	47	77	163
Petroleum and Shale Oils—				
Petroleum	4,557	6,252	11,614	19,499
Kerosene	308	426	1,393	1,622
Residual	787	904	3,043	3,270
Lubricating (Mineral)	317	566	750	1,432
Other	390	108	1,076	329
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	225	224	637	895
Total Class IX.	6,667	8,577	18,735	27,315
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	298	660	882	1,713
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	276	692	1,069	1,922
CLASS XII.(a)—METALS AND MANU- FACTURES—				
Iron and Steel—				
Plate and Sheet	1,540	4,192	3,562	9,983
Other	490	1,650	1,451	3,464
Tools of Trade	254	386	736	1,057
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts	327	2,328	2,747	4,259
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Complete	85	112	203	311
Bodies, Chassis, and Parts	5,624	7,324	15,471	21,358
Other Vehicles and Parts	375	386	1,072	1,231
Other Metals and Manufactures	2,180	3,071	6,770	8,891
Total, Class XII.(a)	10,875	19,449	32,012	50,554

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS XII.(b)—DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHIN- ERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT, ETC.—				
Dynamo Electrical Machinery	408	350	1,216	1,493
Wireless (Radio) Equipment	57	74	233	175
Other Electrical Machinery, &c.	1,136	1,312	3,382	3,458
Total, Class XII.(b)	1,601	1,736	4,831	5,126
CLASS XII.(c)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL)—				
Motive Power Machinery and Appliances ..	3,740	3,407	10,486	10,300
Metal-working Machinery and Appliances ..	795	886	2,468	2,190
Roller and Ball Bearings	342	503	938	1,111
Other Machines and Machinery	4,137	4,475	12,905	13,338
Total, Class XII.(c)	9,014	9,271	26,797	26,939
Total, Class XII.	21,490	30,456	63,640	82,619
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c.	580	1,338	2,379	3,548
Rubber Manufactures—				
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other	113	184	300	488
Elastics	120	103	257	295
Other	118	173	287	405
Leather and Leather Manufactures	63	78	191	218
Total, Class XIII.	994	1,876	3,414	4,954
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER—				
Timber	566	1,277	1,313	2,880
Other Wood and Wicker	102	189	297	448
Total, Class XIV.	668	1,416	1,610	3,328
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE—				
Glass and Glassware	341	427	1,085	1,487
Crockery and Household Ware	348	443	917	1,245
Portland Cement	101	148	306	440
Other Earthenware, &c.	165	228	437	574
Total, Class XV.	955	1,246	2,745	3,746

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD—				
Pulp for Papermaking	386	447	1,024	1,286
Paper—				
Printing	978	1,675	3,050	4,068
Writing and Typewriting	147	254	412	539
Wrapping	291	348	768	948
Other	246	402	616	1,067
Millboards and Other Boards	92	182	279	514
Total, Class XVI.(a)	2,140	3,308	6,149	8,422
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURERS AND STATIONERY—				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	443	489	1,506	1,520
Other Stationery, &c.	329	450	938	1,320
Total, Class XVI.(b)	772	939	2,444	2,840
Total, Class XVI.	2,912	4,247	8,593	11,262
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES—				
Fancy Goods, including Sporting Materials and Toys	201	246	687	1,038
Jewellery	190	223	547	835
Timepieces	245	220	615	833
Total, Class XVII.	636	689	1,849	2,706
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	592	715	1,689	1,994
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Drugs and Chemicals	1,209	1,684	3,725	5,115
Fertilizers	756	223	1,198	692
Total, Class XIX.	1,965	1,907	4,923	5,807
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	397	553	1,357	1,641
Synthetic Resins	624	741	1,901	1,993
Prefabricated Buildings—				
Houses	168	..	2,219	..
Other Buildings	104	22	539	462
Outside Packages	1,180	1,387	3,389	4,083
All Other Articles	554	929	2,442	2,742
Total, Class XX.	3,027	3,632	11,847	10,921
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE	221	35	242	129
GRAND TOTAL	59,759	78,663	172,503	220,154

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—				
Meats—				
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	189	427	488	824
Lamb	681	1,647	1,612	5,917
Mutton	479	287	710	817
Pork	9	50	32	88
Poultry	12	6	119	84
Rabbits and Hares	188	174	844	611
Other	103	305	258	737
Preserved in Tins	1,811	1,599	5,322	5,368
Sausage Casings	319	409	719	1,044
Other	79	49	176	178
Butter	1,748	4,437	5,644	10,726
Cheese	1,639	1,330	3,463	2,964
Eggs	321	281	1,417	957
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	67	141	269	223
Honey	36	75	74	178
Milk and Cream	1,821	1,848	5,374	4,265
Other Animal Foodstuffs	178	74	366	215
Total, Class I... .. .	9,680	13,139	26,887	35,196
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—				
Grains and Cereals—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	1,657	4,066	4,553	11,831
Oats	28	301	287	360
Barley	894	467	987	630
Other	1	58	8	63
Prepared—				
Rice	59	48	198	172
Flour (Wheaten)	1,950	1,943	8,231	5,075
Oatmeal and Rolled Oats	7	98	183	142
Other	120	141	342	388
Vegetables—				
Preserved in liquid and pulped	19	53	226	131
Other	19	39	96	91
Fruits—				
Fresh	630	584	1,057	1,031
Dried	47	616	2,799	3,727
Preserved in liquid	1,509	1,663	4,010	5,424
Fruit Juices	61	179	129	205
Jams and Jellies	37	46	163	160
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	502	261	1,235	785
Total, Class II.	7,540	10,563	24,504	30,215
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS				
	118	175	285	444

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	7	9	13	22
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.. .. .	18	28	30	79
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD- STUFFS—				
Hides and Skins—				
Rabbit and Hare	61	116	430	401
Calf, Cattle, and Horse	88	164	305	373
Sheep (with wool and without wool)	1,794	1,920	4,795	5,156
Other	1	8	106	14
Wool—				
Greasy	26,806	27,263	71,239	60,818
Scoured, Tops, and Waste	3,689	3,660	11,284	9,995
Other Animal Substances	12	20	53	58
Total, Class VI.	32,451	33,151	88,212	76,815
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Seeds	20	72	70	198
Fibres .. .. .	..	1	1	1
Other Vegetable Substances	14	10	36	26
Total, Class VII.	34	83	107	225
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL—				
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres.. .. .	26	24	132	103
Textiles	128	128	354	426
Apparel	6	20	42	67
Total, Class VIII.	160	172	528	596
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Tallow, inedible	255	255	561	445
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	145	93	369	659
Total, Class IX.	400	348	930	1,104
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	32	38	140	156
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	332	749	1,547	2,016
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—				
Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical)	755	930	3,227	2,850
Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)	72	101	223	301
	707	1,090	2,542	2,674
Total, Class XII.	1,534	2,121	5,992	5,825

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued*.

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURERS THEREOF—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
Rubber and Rubber Manufactures ..	33	52	129	183
Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	281	362	924	933
Total, Class XIII.	314	414	1,053	1,116
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER ..	17	27	98	138
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE. CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE	23	35	96	101
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY—				
Pulp, Paper, and Board	3	39	48	77
Paper Manufactures and Stationery ..	60	85	216	369
Total, Class XVI.	63	124	264	446
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES	30	48	146	178
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	82	94	388	372
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS	232	462	1,169	1,240
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	462	756	1,604	1,778
Personal and Household Effects ..	78	94	244	258
All other Articles	258	217	833	727
Total, Class XX.	798	1,067	2,681	2,763
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER: BRONZE SPECIE	12	25	40	54
Australian Produce	51,454	62,438	153,730	157,790
Other Produce	423	434	1,380	1,311
GRAND TOTAL	53,877	62,872	155,110	159,101

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

Imports from—	Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1955.(a)
	1952.	1953.	1954.	
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	161,879	71,429	113,159	96,098
Australian Territories	1,306	1,238	1,229	859
Borneo (British)	574	217	2,219	7,503
Canada	6,535	6,329	5,074	4,463
Ceylon	3,468	3,386	4,444	5,918
East Africa (British)	2,753	1,507	1,271	1,104
Hong Kong	733	101	384	530
India, Republic of	12,446	3,699	4,817	4,743
Malaya, Federation of	7,560	1,868	3,333	3,240
New Zealand	3,403	1,683	2,401	2,000
Pakistan	864	550	1,687	789
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	698	1,151	1,352	1,887
Singapore	4,546	1,759	3,041	1,036
South Africa, Union of	1,535	1,081	917	1,352
West Africa (British)	559	419	366	126
Other British Possessions	1,106	912	1,102	1,319
Arabia—				
Bahrain Islands	4,094	4,689	5,494	3,396
Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Muscat and Oman, &c.	3,389	3,822	3,849	4,119
Austria	1,972	349	771	1,055
Belgium	7,199	1,628	2,432	2,632
Brazil	2,714	124	397	628
China	1,080	317	576	333
Czechoslovakia	2,269	371	747	588
Egypt	1,176	421	548	139
Finland	3,638	354	810	1,252
France	6,859	4,544	5,766	3,723
Germany	12,445	5,094	9,607	9,837
Indonesia, Republic of	7,397	5,162	6,500	3,919
Italy	10,926	1,731	4,322	3,760
Japan	15,595	2,345	2,634	4,612
Netherlands	4,922	2,269	3,341	4,186
Netherlands Antilles	1,610	665	69	195
Norway	3,584	504	1,181	1,143
Persia (Iran)	748	73	11	224
Soviet Union	395	158	337	318
Sweden	11,038	2,519	3,557	3,669
Switzerland	2,779	1,254	3,356	2,752
United States of America	36,974	33,031	27,565	27,040
Venezuela	211	702	423	403
Other Foreign Countries	3,375	1,082	1,904	3,142
Country not stated	16	24	33	39
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	356,870	170,561	233,026	216,071

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES—*continued.*

Exports to—	Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1955.(a)
	1952.	1953.	1954.	
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	55,562	86,009	68,437	62,922
Australian Territories	441	792	1,119	1,268
Borneo (British)	304	283	369	415
Canada	3,850	4,015	3,038	2,473
Ceylon	5,762	8,115	4,792	2,566
Cocos Island .. .. .	..	905	65	9
Hong Kong	1,400	2,194	1,569	981
India, Republic of	5,227	5,081	2,832	3,959
Ireland, Republic of	1,148	2,128	866	820
Malaya, Federation of	3,688	4,420	3,795	2,760
Mauritius and Dependencies	904	725	835	357
New Zealand	12,574	7,954	8,822	7,339
Pakistan	316	1,049	828	619
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	222	393	428	301
Singapore	3,827	3,694	3,103	2,513
South Africa, Union of	1,328	1,655	1,406	808
West Indies (British)	612	539	317	239
Other British Possessions	2,383	2,516	2,364	2,264
Arabia	339	571	653	625
Belgium	4,356	6,029	5,067	4,126
China	80	471	313	125
Czechoslovakia	460	1,292	696	887
Denmark	546	262	481	300
Egypt	2,644	1,120	1,007	337
France	16,120	23,451	21,330	16,337
Germany	6,232	4,779	6,420	7,907
Indonesia, Republic of	1,681	2,404	2,026	1,039
Italy	10,363	13,267	13,832	8,657
Japan	9,180	17,829	11,381	6,915
Mexico	780	757	1,156	1,128
Netherlands	2,619	1,240	1,745	1,953
Poland	959	1,175	842	1,261
Soviet Union .. .. .	..	444	10,497	153
Sweden	2,759	1,041	1,510	505
Switzerland	455	353	898	558
Turkey	619	490	886	472
United States of America	20,574	13,951	12,947	8,961
Yugoslavia	1,649	211	406	158
Other Foreign Countries	4,031	4,514	4,503	4,084
Total	185,994	228,118	203,581	159,101

(a) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO
OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.
(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.	Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months ended 31st March, 1955 (a).
	1952.	1953.	1954.	
Wool—				
Greasy { '000 lb.	227,445	260,691	236,716	181,339
£'000	73,952	92,008	87,936	60,818
Scoured and Washed .. . { '000 lb.	30,775	31,750	28,936	21,083
£'000	14,019	13,173	12,673	8,575
Tops, Noils, and Waste .. . { '000 lb.	6,861	8,904	6,279	4,396
£'000	2,204	3,023	2,507	1,420
Butter { '000 lb.	17,768	42,129	*38,484	72,959
£'000	3,166	7,674	6,986	10,726
Wheat { tons	425,436	320,230	191,822	435,307
£'000	13,590	10,236	5,919	11,831
Flour (wheaten) { '000 lb.	619,807	713,853	516,514	324,026
£'000	13,125	15,329	10,040	5,075
Fruits—				
Dried { '000 lb.	68,656	113,620	104,210	74,528
£'000	3,788	5,315	4,857	3,727
Fresh—				
Oranges { bushels	171,394	226,065	315,758	281,057
£'000	324	405	471	423
Apples { bushels	81,360	106,310	118,724	24,916
£'000	142	179	161	35
Pears { bushels	589,386	654,838	911,877	332,232
£'000	1,170	1,241	1,643	553
Other Fresh Fruits { £'000	16	63	80	20
Preserved in Liquid { '000 lb.	73,195	97,624	111,595	76,166
£'000	4,030	6,149	7,515	5,424
Meats—				
Beef (frozen) { cwt.	24,055	30,844	77,644	76,657
£'000	249	315	641	824
Lamb (frozen) { cwt.	170,239	465,750	203,343	485,477
£'000	1,205	3,494	1,782	5,917
Mutton (frozen) { cwt.	35,587	391,564	218,643	151,377
£'000	211	1,426	836	817
Pork (frozen) { cwt.	5,414	4,259	2,479	5,914
£'000	87	71	54	88
Poultry (frozen) { £'000	905	523	140	84
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) (b) { '000 pairs	8,920	6,232	3,876	2,072
£'000	2,347	1,843	1,045	576
Preserved in Tins { cwt.	416,584	814,990	482,652	350,396
£'000	5,252	11,495	7,821	5,368
Sausage Casings { £'000	1,015	1,177	958	1,044
All Other Meats { £'000	1,922	779	688	950
Milk and Cream { £'000	5,489	7,043	6,670	4,265
Hides and Skins—				
Sheep (with wool) { '000 lb.	28,704	45,514	35,054	31,749
£'000	5,712	7,051	6,158	4,911
Rabbit and Hare { '000 lb.	2,835	3,433	2,538	2,155
£'000	485	476	475	401
Other Skins { £'000	718	1,035	1,002	632
Tallow (inedible) { cwt.	56,248	173,636	192,477	99,219
£'000	327	627	675	445
Eggs in shell { '000 doz.	2,389	4,733	2,024	3,201
£'000	402	1,001	447	478
Eggs not in shell { £'000	264	646	1,064	479
Cheese { '000 lb.	31,258	37,187	37,865	28,279
£'000	2,995	4,114	4,093	2,964

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Carcasses only excluding rabbit and hare meat.

VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Six Months Ended 31st December, 1954.
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	
Average Mileage operated	4,754	4,687	4,678	4,574	(a)
Traffic Train Mileage—					
Passenger—Suburban '000	7,671	7,267	7,589	8,193	4,174
Country '000	4,764	3,929	4,343	4,616	2,276
Goods '000	5,455	5,777	5,758	5,494	3,024
Total '000	17,890	16,973	17,690	18,303	9,474
Passenger Journeys—Suburban '000	135,546	157,138	154,997	157,658	81,240
Country '000	6,578	7,993	7,860	8,447	4,127
Total '000	142,124	165,131	162,857	166,105	85,367
Goods Carried tons '000	5,250	8,574	8,580	8,622	4,634
Live Stock Carried tons '000	726	630	612	579	338
Gross Ton Mileage '000	4,734,904	5,518,880	5,814,354	6,088,695	3,295,972
Contents Ton Mileage—					
Goods (incl. Live Stock) '000	760,485	1,280,191	1,262,454	1,269,772	715,716
Average Haul per Ton—					
Goods (inc. Live Stock) miles	127.26	139.08	137.35	138.01	143.93

(a) Not yet available.

Particulars.	Traffic Train Mileage During the Six Months Ended 31st Dec., 1954.					
	Steam.	Electric Motor.	Rail Motor.	Electric Locomotive.	Diesel Electric Locomotive.	Total.
Passenger Trains—						
Suburban .. miles '000	15	4,115	44	..	..	4,174
Country miles '000	526	..	894	81	775	2,276
Goods Trains .. miles '000	2,042	2	..	214	766	3,024
Total Traffic Train Mileage .. miles '000	2,583	4,117	938	295	1,541	9,474

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Six Months Ended 31st December, 1954.
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	
Gross Revenue—					
Ordinary £'000	9,284	24,339	31,867	35,706	19,237
Recoup by State Treasury towards Interest, &c. £'000	..	1,751	1,795	1,931	(c)
Total Revenue £'000	9,284	26,090	33,662	37,637	(c)
Working Expenses (a) £'000	8,060	29,613	34,008	35,950	18,344
Net Earnings (b) £'000	1,224	—3,523	—346	1,687	(c)
Interest Charges, Exchange and Contributions to National Debt Sinking Fund, &c. £'000	2,168	2,343	2,428	2,591	(c)
Net Result for Year £'000	—944	—5,866	—2,774	—904	(c)

(a) Including cost of pensions and Pay-roll Tax.

(b) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &c.

(c) Not yet available.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Period from 1st July, 1954, to 19th March, 1955.
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	
Tramway Track Open—					
Double miles	(a) 127·3	127·8	128·8	129·6	129·6
Single miles	5·9	5·2	4·2	4·2	4·2
Motor Omnibus Route .. miles	48·6	66·7	68·9	64·1	64·1
Vehicle Mileage—					
Tramways '000	22,981	21,648	22,215	22,000	15,182
Motor Omnibuses '000	2,165	7,598	8,076	7,892	5,213
Passenger Journeys—					
Tramways '000	182,094	217,684	207,398	204,747	145,272
Motor Omnibuses '000	11,911	62,619	61,045	59,111	40,382
Revenue—					
Traffic Receipts	£'000 2,305	£'000 5,876	£'000 6,635	£'000 6,598	£'000 4,618
Other	15	65	67	45	29
Total Revenue	2,320	5,941	6,702	6,643	4,647
Operating Expenses and Fixed Charges	(b) 1,517	(c) 6,033	(c) 6,669	(c) 6,867	(c) 4,923
Surplus on Operation	803	..	33	..	..
Deficit on Operation .. .. .	..	92	..	224	276

(a) Including 7·94 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

(b) Excluding interest and other charges and appropriations.

(c) Including rates, interest, and depreciation, but excluding appropriations.

VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

Period.				Motor Vehicles—				Motor Cycles.
				Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers' (a).	Total.	
NEW REGISTRATIONS.								
1938-39 Year	..	..	..	15,249	3,953	2,494	21,696	2,140
1950-51	..	..	..	36,565	12,333	6,528	55,426	5,441
1951-52	..	..	..	42,258	13,776	8,461	64,495	5,387
1952-53	..	..	..	28,556	7,272	4,343	40,171	2,523
1953-54	..	..	..	36,258	7,957	3,801	48,016	2,482
Nine months ended 31st March, 1955	..	..	..	36,993	7,455	3,408	47,856	1,797
RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES.								
1938-39 Year	..	..	..	13,718	3,459	3,277	20,454	4,787
1950-51	..	..	..	15,806	4,935	3,385	24,126	4,697
1951-52	..	..	..	19,248	5,624	3,855	28,727	6,303
1952-53	..	..	..	15,966	4,392	2,598	22,956	6,259
1953-54	..	..	..	14,356	3,914	2,358	20,628	5,195
Nine months ended 31st March, 1955	..	..	..	14,935	3,775	2,700	21,410	4,166
RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION.								
1938-39 Year	..	..	..	122,164	28,750	41,656	192,570	19,771
1950-51	..	..	..	206,338	61,097	59,639	327,074	23,393
1951-52	..	..	..	280,997	71,614	46,011	398,622	25,506
1952-53	..	..	..	326,348	75,774	37,020	439,142	24,655
1953-54	..	..	..	342,039	74,173	39,339	455,551	23,163
Nine months ended 31st March, 1955	..	..	..	278,876	57,121	31,215	367,212	16,273
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS.								
1938-39 Year	..	..	..	151,131	36,162	47,427	234,720	26,698
1950-51	..	..	..	258,709	78,365	69,552	406,626	33,531
1951-52	..	..	..	342,503	91,014	58,327	491,844	37,196
1952-53	..	..	..	370,870	87,438	43,961	502,269	33,437
1953-54	..	..	..	392,653	86,044	45,498	524,195	30,840
Nine months ended 31st March, 1955	..	..	..	330,804	68,351	37,323	436,478	22,236

(a) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles included private cars and commercial vehicles, but since that date only vehicles, constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connection their with business, are included under this heading.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES AND PERMITS.

Type of Licence or Permit.	Licences in Force at 30th June—			
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Temporary Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	79	988	138	72
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,098	3,837	2,033	1,737
Total, Temporary Licences	1,177	4,825	2,171	1,809
Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	976	3,620	5,258	5,282
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,894	2,213	2,462	2,478
Total, "Discretionary" Licences	2,870	5,833	7,720	7,760
Licences Issued "As of Right"—				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne	4,751	10,811	10,274	9,529
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong	439	1,252	1,302	1,232
Within 20 miles of places of business of owners generally outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong	4,203	8,900	8,888	8,227
Primary Producers	699	7,825	9,299	9,991
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories	297	692	743	669
Ancillary Carriers	20,062	27,029	27,075	25,115
Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Wagons, and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles	914	5,950	6,870	7,193
Total, "As of Right"	31,365	62,459	64,451	61,956
Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry Passengers	558	201	150	170
Aircraft Licence .. .. .	..	..	1	1
Grand Total Licences	35,970	73,318	74,493	71,696
Permits to operate temporarily outside the conditions of the Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	(a)	4,437	4,957	4,526
Commercial Goods Vehicles	(a)	99,414	83,398	86,905
Total Permits	(a)	103,851	88,355	91,431

(a) Not available.

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.
(As reported to the Police.)

Period.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
	<i>City of Melbourne.(a)</i>			<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>		
1938-39 Year	1,470	47	1,593	1,558	194	1,973
1950-51 "	1,253	54	1,392	3,498	305	4,781
1951-52 "	1,373	49	1,602	3,783	340	5,179
1952-53 "	1,310	42	1,525	4,048	300	5,460
1953-54 "	1,086	28	1,248	4,251	315	5,858
1952-53—						
December Quarter	301	2	361	920	65	1,256
March Quarter	318	5	371	1,090	60	1,503
June Quarter	336	15	396	1,132	77	1,513
1953-54—						
September Quarter	327	13	362	973	74	1,333
December Quarter	291	8	332	950	62	1,303
March Quarter	294	4	350	1,129	80	1,602
June Quarter	174	3	204	1,199	99	1,620
1954-55—						
September Quarter	333	17	360	748	50	1,022
December Quarter	278	8	319	992	67	1,327
	<i>Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne).</i>			<i>Total—Victoria.</i>		
1938-39 Year	3,508	177	3,862	6,536	418	7,428
1950-51 "	4,523	222	5,191	9,274	581	11,364
1951-52 "	4,955	214	5,750	10,111	603	12,531
1952-53 "	4,740	173	5,579	10,098	515	12,564
1953-54 "	4,785	148	5,701	10,122	491	12,807
1952-53—						
December Quarter	1,081	28	1,322	2,302	95	2,939
March Quarter	1,170	40	1,393	2,578	105	3,267
June Quarter	1,216	57	1,399	2,684	149	3,308
1953-54—						
September Quarter	1,196	44	1,415	2,496	131	3,110
December Quarter	1,162	25	1,373	2,403	95	3,008
March Quarter	1,085	30	1,304	2,508	114	3,256
June Quarter	1,342	49	1,609	2,715	151	3,433
1954-55—						
September Quarter	1,350	54	1,574	2,431	121	2,956
December Quarter	1,235	48	1,485	2,505	123	3,131

(a) Municipality of the City of Melbourne.

VII.—FINANCE.

VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a)	10,085	9,315	12,232	14,364	17,206
Railways	9,349	18,798	24,226	31,520	35,698
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	2,300	3,847	4,805	5,179	5,393
Land	387	1,167	1,889	2,663	2,683
Interest n.e.i.	1,881	1,862	2,267	2,641	3,054
Commonwealth Payments—					
Under Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
„ States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act ..	..	17,446	20,347	26,028	29,352
„ States Grants (Administration of Controls) Act ..	..	186	220	262	..
„ States Grants (Special Assistance) Act ..	..	4,750	9,124	7,131	5,622
All other Revenue	857	4,048	4,275	4,934	5,470
Total Revenue	26,986	63,546	81,512	96,849	106,605
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Revenue per Head of Population (b) ..	14 8 3	28 6 7	35 5 9	40 16 5	44 0 0

(a) For details see page 29.

(b) Revised figures.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest on Funded Debt ..	6,640	7,186	8,157	9,067	10,760
Exchange on Interest Payments ..	669	578	578	575	559
Sinking Fund Contributions ..	859	2,059	2,265	2,587	2,928
Other	62	80	74	69	80
Railways	7,694	19,844	28,275	32,976	34,465
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	980	2,542	3,367	4,025	4,180
Education	3,123	10,644	13,230	15,987	17,391
Public Health	143	614	786	947	1,078
Hospitals	1,054	6,450	9,688	10,570	11,601
Other Charities (a)	2,302	1,353	1,837	2,417	2,867
Law, Order, and Public Safety ..	1,285	4,108	5,236	5,736	6,005
All other Expenditure	2,962	8,431	10,425	12,258	13,980
Total Expenditure	27,773	63,889	83,918	97,214	105,894
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Expenditure per Head of Population (b) ..	14 16 8	28 9 8	36 6 7	40 19 6	43 14 1

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

(b) Revised figures.

VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

Tax.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
State Taxation Collections—					
Income Taxes (a)	6,251	53	29	57	27
Land Tax	482	415	876	1,370	2,016
Probate Duty	1,374	3,442	3,874	4,833	5,387
Stamp Duties, n.e.i.	960	2,987	3,321	3,206	3,685
Motor Taxation	1,914	3,808	5,215	5,455	5,883
Racing Taxation	391(b)	1,609	2,113	2,254	2,451
Entertainments Tax (excluding Racing)	286	..	..	..	656
Liquor Licences	255	780	1,323	1,761	1,963
All other Taxes	110	132	192	221	232
Paid to Consolidated Revenue	10,085	9,315	12,232	14,364	17,206
Paid to Special Funds	1,938	3,911	4,711	4,793	5,094
Total State Collections	12,023	13,226	16,943	19,157	22,300
Tax Reimbursement by Com- monwealth .. ..	..	17,446	20,347	26,028	29,352
Grand Total	12,023	30,672	37,290	45,185	51,652
Per head of Population—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
State Collections (c)	6 8 5	5 17 11	7 6 9	8 1 6	9 4 1
Commonwealth Reimbursement (c) .. ..	..	7 15 7	8 16 2	10 19 5	12 2 3
Total (c)	6 8 5	13 13 6	16 2 11	19 0 11	21 6 4

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax.

(b) Including Entertainments Tax on horse and dog racing.

(c) Revised figures. •

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.

Heads of Expenditure.	During Year Ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1954.
	1952.	1953.	1954.	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Works—				
Railways—				
As reduced	10,498	7,100	8,839	89,462
Transferred .. ..	..	..	..	29,135
Roads and Bridges	1,094	1,219	1,537	18,181
Water Supply and Sewerage	10,699	7,000	8,572	75,979
Electricity Supply	9,000	7,000	6,000	41,089
Public Buildings—				
Schools	3,521	3,382	4,845	25,211
Hospitals	2,952	3,640	5,390	18,307
Other	799	841	753	5,515
Housing	4,185	1,222	41	9,813
Unemployment Relief .. ..	..	..	..	13,147
Other Public Works	829	1,041	691	8,707
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a)	5,754	4,650	4,923	79,724
Advances to Settlers (b) .. ..	..	1	..	3,765
Wire Netting Advances	23	32	2	1,042
Bulk Handling of Wheat .. ..	..	..	250	1,404
Forestry	1,390	787	900	13,082
Mining (including State Coal Mine)	38	16	5	845
Other Primary Production	125	88	75	1,827
Coal (Overseas Purchase)	Cr. 4	Cr. 27	..	1,960
Gas and Fuel Corporation	2,393	2,455	1,995	9,394
Rural Finance Corporation	1,600	900	700	4,019
Other Purposes	188	228	146	1,392
Total Public Works, &c.	55,084	41,575	45,664	453,000
In Aid of Revenue	2,000	2,400	..	15,455
Grand Total	57,084	43,975	45,664	468,455

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.

(b) Including Drought Relief.

VICTORIA—STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

At 30th June—	Repayable in—			Total.	Total Public Debt per Head of Population.
	London.	New York.	Australia.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1914	39,275	..	26,856	66,131	46 10 1
1919	43,400	..	39,994	83,394	56 11 8
1929	59,835	4,658	89,336	153,829	86 19 7
1939	62,498	4,499	112,701	179,698	95 13 3
1953	45,023	4,424	290,072	339,519	(a) 141 14 11
1954	44,908	3,600	328,456	376,964	(a) 153 14 4

(a) Revised figures.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Advances.	Ratio of Advances to Total Deposits.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Year 1949-50	80,385	229,042	309,427	155,550	50·27
„ 1950-51	98,050	310,069	408,119	179,967	44·10
„ 1951-52	94,332	329,236	423,568	228,984	54·06
„ 1952-53	83,297	321,396	404,693	224,091	55·37
„ 1953-54	90,784	353,742	444,526	218,046	49·05
Quarter ended March, 1954	93,028	365,896	458,924	221,251	48·21
„ „ June, 1954	95,126	375,074	470,200	225,043	47·86
„ „ September, 1954	100,900	349,729	450,629	235,115	52·17
„ „ December, 1954	106,499	362,469	468,968	248,542	53·00
„ „ March, 1955	107,379	377,536	484,915	251,551	51·88
1954—Month of January	93,560	353,372	446,932	218,919	48·98
„ „ February	93,419	362,600	456,019	220,504	48·35
„ „ March	92,290	378,551	470,841	223,714	47·51
1955—Month of January	106,906	367,153	474,059	247,354	52·18
„ „ February	108,244	375,726	483,970	252,081	52·09
„ „ March	107,066	387,290	494,356	254,485	51·48

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Includes seven Private Trading Banks; Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd.; Bank of New Zealand; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; and the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia which on 3rd December, 1953, took over the business of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Average deposits and advances at close of business on Wednesdays in periods.

MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

Period.								Total Amount Cleared.
								£'000
1929 Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	814,668
1939	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	864,631
1950	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,652,973
1951	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,600,401
1952	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,204,105
1953	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,275,071
1954	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,840,422
1953—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	986,166
June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,178,967
September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	992,019
December Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,117,919
1954—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,104,652
June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,309,519
September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,158,432
December Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,267,819
1955—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,189,412

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Total Deposits per Head of Population.
	State Savings Bank (a).	Commonwealth Savings Bank.	Total.	
At 30th June—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1929	66,130	6,577	72,707	41 2 2
1931	57,138	6,104	63,242	35 2 10
1939	69,219	11,242	80,461	42 15 4
1949	187,359	51,887	239,246	111 16 10
1950	198,680	58,441	257,121	116 14 5
1951	213,687	68,092	281,779	124 3 5
1952	224,347	76,485	300,832	128 16 2
1953	234,834	85,137	319,971	134 4 0
1954	245,607	94,174	339,781	138 15 2
At 31st March, 1955	253,125	101,391	354,516	142 2 11

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE.

Period.	Mortgages Registered during Period.					
	Under Transfer of Land Acts (a).		Under Property Law Act (b).		Total.	
	Number.	Consideration (c).	Number.	Consideration (c).	Number.	Consideration (c).
Year ended 31st December—		£'000		£'000		£'000
1929	27,916	21,082	899	968	28,815	22,050
1939	19,144	12,244	853	773	19,997	13,017
1950	35,914	24,339	1,210	3,407	37,124	27,746
1951	37,856	39,903	1,317	2,419	39,173	42,322
1952	35,545	63,894	1,245	2,083	36,790	65,977
1953	40,252	58,182	1,398	1,459	41,650	59,641
1954	39,033	51,926	1,465	1,962	40,498	53,888
1953—						
March Quarter	8,213	13,383	293	251	8,506	13,634
June Quarter	10,064	11,889	317	391	10,381	12,280
September Quarter	11,841	14,534	405	490	12,246	15,024
December Quarter	10,134	18,376	383	327	10,517	18,703
1954—						
March Quarter	8,905	9,224	357	474	9,262	9,698
June Quarter	8,800	13,109	366	568	9,166	13,677
September Quarter	11,028	16,047	369	504	11,397	16,551
December Quarter	10,300	13,546	373	416	10,673	13,962
1955—						
March Quarter	8,621	14,331	304	1,214	8,925	15,545

(a) Mortgages under the Transfer of Land Act are in respect of land brought under that Act subsequent to 1862 and land alienated by the Crown since that date.

(b) Mortgages under the Property Law Act are in respect of land alienated by the Crown prior to 1862 and not subsequently brought under the Transfer of Land Acts.

(c) Excluding the amounts owing under mortgages given to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Year Ended 31st December—				Three Months Ended 31st March, 1955.
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	
Number registered during period—					
Victorian Trading	537	808	1,109	1,521	337
Foreign	37	97	107	116	32
Mining	28	4	8	15	..
Total	602	909	1,224	1,652	369
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period—	£'000	£'000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Victorian Trading	17,302	52,264	63,640	104,166	24,234
Foreign	8,975	29,758	33,682	39,100	35,582
Mining .. .. .	..	45	805	82	..
Number of Existing Companies at end of period—					
Victorian Trading	10,229	13,282	14,093	14,983	15,237
Foreign	643	1,179	1,256	1,306	1,328
Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Companies—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	6,854	49,978	61,205	118,829	22,908
Mining	1,097	902	1,692	11,899	..

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY AND MONTHLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Period.	Districts.								Whole State— Weighted Average.
	Mallee.	Wimmera.	Northern.	North-Central.	North-Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gippsland.	
Averages 1911–1940 (a)	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
	12·49	17·52	18·06	27·06	34·81	27·58	29·64	33·47	24·28
Year—									
1950 ..	17·57	20·04	23·67	31·63	35·03	24·01	30·82	36·65	26·52
1951 ..	12·09	19·61	20·26	31·87	37·45	33·32	34·71	41·78	27·91
1952 ..	15·22	21·87	21·86	35·56	46·24	39·30	40·66	48·71	32·75
1953 ..	12·27	19·62	16·81	28·69	35·57	30·40	30·75	35·29	25·38
1954 ..	13·41	17·68	21·22	29·88	35·58	25·92	30·93	34·02	25·02
1954—									
January ..	1·35	1·50	3·18	2·38	4·33	1·30	2·06	3·48	2·38
February ..	0·16	0·10	0·58	1·13	1·13	0·94	2·09	3·14	1·11
March ..	0·18	0·27	0·18	0·41	0·34	1·04	0·67	0·91	0·51
Three months of 1954 ..	1·69	1·87	3·94	3·92	5·80	3·28	4·82	7·53	4·00
1955—									
January ..	0·08	0·25	0·80	0·93	1·86	0·82	1·11	0·86	0·77
February ..	2·86	2·39	4·82	3·82	4·47	2·28	3·30	3·30	3·28
March ..	1·14	0·88	1·69	1·38	4·04	0·93	2·39	2·16	1·77
Three months of 1955 ..	4·08	3·52	7·31	6·13	10·37	4·03	6·80	6·32	5·82

(a) Averages for a standard 30 years' period, 1911–1940.

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	For Grain—			Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for Drying (a).	Fruit (b).
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.				
Area of Crops.							
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1949-50	2,828,273	483,190	236,123	606,525	50,651	34,284	56,467
1950-51	2,735,473	527,217	217,096	557,454	52,482	34,438	55,850
1951-52	2,463,574	676,503	186,224	640,418	42,108	34,633	55,376
1952-53	2,232,097	756,129	234,597	752,932	52,851	35,706	52,729
1953-54	2,389,304	583,075	374,555	(c) 807,223	52,745	35,735	52,519
Total Production.							
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (d)	
1949-50	57,433,835	8,718,307	4,876,180	1,000,855	167,881	49,124	..
1950-51	51,235,929	9,034,005	4,510,079	894,585	139,391	34,087	..
1951-52	45,994,752	11,151,260	3,619,576	1,046,764	178,399	48,692	..
1952-53	50,334,634	12,599,050	4,734,175	1,245,217	133,148	61,687	..
1953-54	53,697,611	9,851,708	7,932,103	1,360,662	213,714	55,742	..
Average Yield per Acre.							
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.(d)	
1949-50	20·31	18·04	20·65	1·65	3·31	1·43	..
1950-51	18·73	17·14	20·77	1·60	2·66	0·99	..
1951-52	18·67	16·48	19·44	1·63	4·24	1·41	..
1952-53	22·55	16·66	20·18	1·65	2·52	1·73	..
1953-54	22·47	16·90	21·18	1·69	4·05	1·56	..

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1953–54 amounted to 1,740, 5,319, and 2,984 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1953–54 was 13,661 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement (See *Victorian Year-Book*).

(c) Including wheaten 39,793 acres and oats 240,031 acres.

(d) Weight of dried produce.

VICTORIA—AREA, YIELD, AND GROSS VALUE OF CROPS, 1953-54.

Crop.	Area.	Yield.	Gross Value (a).
			£
Cereals for Grain—	Acres.		
Barley—			
2 row	344,346	7,360,055 bushels	3,894,695
6 row	30,209	572,048 bushels	269,339
Maize—Hybrid	4,238	242,913 bushels	270,235
Not Hybrid	1,375	55,131 bushels	
Oats	583,075	9,851,708 bushels	3,608,681
Rye	27,754	200,907 bushels	107,988
Wheat	2,389,304	53,697,611 bushels	37,009,282
Hay—			
Barley and Rye	2,137	2,792 tons	25,719
Lucerne	48,674	95,155 tons	1,124,341
Meadow	476,588	835,464 tons	7,922,664
Oaten	240,031	366,109 tons	3,559,067
Wheaten	39,793	61,142 tons	563,785
Green Fodder	56,210		267,920
Straw		30,000 tons	251,700
Grass and Clover Seed	8,925	10,646 cwt.	164,799
Industrial Crops—			
Broom Millet	139	698 cwt. fibre	4,872
Flax	9,550	225 cwt. seed	248
Linseed	1,226	12,984 tons of straw	230,585
Hops	344	8,072 bushels	13,985
Mustard	250	5,517 cwt.	212,412
Tobacco	2,246	925 cwt.	9,022
Chicory	210	19,237 cwt.	1,062,459
		180 tons	17,010
Vegetables—			
Onions	3,641	22,783 tons	769,017
Potatoes	52,745	213,714 tons	4,087,124
Other	30,243		8,011,744
Stock Fodder—			
Grey and Other Field Peas	6,965	190,228 bushels	175,657
Pumpkins	394	1,557 tons	31,140
Turnips, Beet, &c.	2,697	15,512 tons	387,800
Vineyards—			
Grapes—			
Table	1,740	5,834 tons	373,376
Wine	5,318	11,755 tons	209,832
Drying	35,735	Wine made, 2,327,302 gallons	
		222,821 tons producing—	
		43,962 tons of sultanas	(b) 4,512,882
		7,111 tons of raisins	(b) 646,331
		4,669 tons of currants	(b) 470,013
Vines, unproductive	2,984		
Orchards—			
Productive	52,519		8,516,538
Unproductive	13,661		
All Other Crops	4,302		592,133
Total Crops	4,479,568		(b) 89,374,395

(a) The gross value is based on the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. The places where primary products are absorbed locally or where they become raw materials for a secondary industry are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Subject to revision.

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

At 31st March—	Horses.	Cattle.			Pigs.	Sheep.
		All Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1950	200,143	1,525,183	705,765	2,230,948	212,901	19,161,043
1951	186,415	1,489,393	726,860	2,216,253	237,127	20,011,933
1952	169,246	1,438,523	776,007	2,214,530	213,670	21,537,229
1953	153,662	1,476,980	820,228	2,297,208	182,824	21,368,196
1954	140,818	1,552,968	817,216	2,370,184	232,384	21,438,007

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.	Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity. (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price per lb.
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£	d.
1948-49	173,867	30,213	204,080	38,894,704	45·74
1949-50	188,083	37,160	225,243	57,415,306	61·18
1950-51	193,211	25,055	218,266	132,945,656	146·18
1951-52	201,776	23,182	224,958	63,637,774	67·89
1952-53	214,035	38,160	252,195	78,760,501	74·95
1953-54	192,184	31,297	223,481	73,384,149	78·81

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.(c)
Factories No.	9,250	14,758	15,154	15,531
Persons employed (a)—				
Males No.	136,218	233,699	228,724	240,698
Females No.	65,613	90,444	82,035	90,579
Total No.	201,831	324,143	310,759	331,277
Wages paid (b)—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Males	29,006	163,688	171,897	190,573
Females	7,021	38,898	38,981	45,463
Total	36,027	202,586	210,878	236,036
Value of—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fuel, light, and power used	3,595	20,779	24,354	27,540
Lubricating oil and water used and repairs	2,655	15,707	15,948	18,123
Materials used (including containers)	80,722	463,121	461,811	531,528
Production (net)	65,996	334,360	358,033	408,314
Output	152,968	833,967	860,146	985,505
Land and buildings	42,026	119,465	135,325	158,389
Machinery and plant	38,570	128,934	147,365	181,059

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

(c) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Class of Industry.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.(a)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products	1,576	6,398	6,863	7,730
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c. .. .	1,530	4,996	5,209	6,205
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils, and grease	4,462	20,621	21,506	27,346
Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances	16,460	115,726	123,089	138,569
Precious metals, jewellery, and plate .. .	547	2,916	2,646	3,103
Textiles and textile goods (not dress) .. .	6,324	29,301	36,219	43,860
Skins, and leather (not clothing or footwear) ..	1,373	5,341	6,617	6,464
Clothing	7,865	35,033	36,689	41,286
Food, drink, and tobacco	12,610	46,771	51,322	55,231
Woodworking and basketware	2,391	15,045	14,473	16,383
Furniture, bedding, &c.	1,281	6,192	6,001	6,301
Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, etc.	4,930	23,297	23,659	27,373
Rubber	1,573	8,029	7,092	9,296
Musical instruments	24	182	190	296
Miscellaneous products	722	7,858	8,140	10,357
Heat, light, and power	2,328	6,654	8,318	8,514
Total	65,996	334,360	358,033	408,314

(a) Subject to revision.

Note.—"Added Value" is the source from which provision is made for the following:—salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses and profits.

VICTORIA—VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION, 1952-53.

Industry.	Gross Value of Production. (a)	Marketing Costs.	Value at Place of Production.	Costs of Production. (b)	Net Value of Production.	Net Value per Head of Population.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
Primary—						
Agriculture	93,350	12,959	80,391	15,324	65,067	27 10 10
Pastoral	124,305	10,449	113,856	5,397	108,459	45 18 2
Dairying	51,865	2,042	49,823	7,136	42,687	18 1 5
Poultry and Bee Farming	22,130	1,672	20,458	5,302	15,156	6 8 4
Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries	13,483	1,109	12,374	..	12,374	5 4 9
Mining.. .. .	9,433	898	8,535	1,904	6,631	2 16 2
Total Primary	314,566	29,129	285,437	35,063	250,374	105 19 8
Manufacturing (d)	358,033	..	358,033	..	358,033	151 11 0
Total all Industries	672,599	29,129	643,470	35,063	608,407	257 10 8

(a) Gross value is defined as the value of recorded production at the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. In cases where primary products are absorbed locally, or where they become raw material for secondary industry, these points are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Costs of production include stock feed, seed costs and pickling, manures, spraying, sheep and cattle dips, power, fuel, water, and all other materials used in production, but exclude depreciation, wages and maintenance costs.

(c) Not available.

(d) Manufacturing is included at its net added value because the gross or wholesale selling value contains so much duplication of products, the finished article of one class of manufacture forming in numerous cases the raw material for others.

VICTORIA—NET VALUE (a) OF RECORDED PRODUCTION PER HEAD
OF POPULATION.

Year.	Industry.							Total.
	Agri- culture.	Pastoral.	Dairying.	Poultry and Bee Farming.	Trapping, Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manu- facturing.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1939-40 ..	6 8 9	8 13 10	6 10 6	1 13 6	1 3 1	1 2 4	39 3 2	64 15 2
1940-41 ..	3 16 7	9 14 2	6 16 4	1 4 9	1 12 9	1 6 2	46 7 8	70 18 5
1941-42 ..	8 1 9	10 9 6	6 9 0	1 8 4	2 2 1	1 2 8	56 15 6	86 8 10
1942-43 ..	10 2 11	12 11 4	6 6 6	2 10 1	1 17 6	0 19 1	61 11 7	95 19 0
1943-44 ..	8 12 3	13 2 9	6 19 1	2 12 6	2 11 0	0 15 6	62 0 3	96 13 4
1944-45 ..	7 8 7	12 3 9	7 6 4	2 15 2	2 9 6	0 15 5	61 0 4	93 19 1
1945-46 ..	11 2 7	8 19 7	7 9 2	2 17 4	3 0 0	0 17 3	60 14 7	95 0 6
1946-47 ..	16 3 9	14 0 9	8 16 10	2 15 1	3 3 11	1 0 2	64 9 3	110 9 9
1947-48 ..	24 2 1	20 11 10	9 10 4	2 19 8	3 11 4	1 2 2	76 12 0	138 9 5
1948-49 ..	18 12 5	25 7 0	10 10 8	3 16 5	3 18 0	1 0 7	86 9 7	149 14 8
1949-50 ..	24 16 9	35 14 0	12 10 5	3 18 1	4 5 9	1 0 10	101 0 6	183 6 4
1950-51 ..	23 18 1	72 11 5	13 4 5	4 10 2	4 12 5	1 6 7	123 4 10	243 7 11
1951-52 ..	27 16 10	43 7 4	17 0 3	5 11 1	5 8 9	1 16 7	145 5 6	246 6 4
1952-53 ..	27 10 10	45 18 2	18 1 5	6 8 4	5 4 9	2 16 2	151 11 0	257 10 8

(a) See footnote (b) on page 36.

VICTORIA—PRODUCTION OF BLACK COAL AND BROWN COAL AND BRIQUETTES
MANUFACTURED.

Period.			Black Coal.	Brown Coal.			Briquettes Manu- factured. (a)	
				State Electricity Commission.		Privately- operated Mines.		Total.
				Yallourn.	Yallourn North.			
Year ended	31st	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	
December—								
1939	365	3,650	..	1	3,651	415	
1940	268	4,278	..	2	4,280	428	
1941	326	4,565	..	1	4,566	419	
1942	313	4,890	40	4	4,934	417	
1943	287	5,038	43	11	5,092	411	
1944	258	4,913	88	15	5,016	429	
1945	247	5,366	48	31	5,445	455	
1946	191	5,547	90	70	5,707	504	
1947	174	5,791	153	196	6,140	514	
1948	168	6,091	333	268	6,692	542	
1949	123	6,321	644	410	7,375	577	
1950	126	6,211	623	493	7,327	527	
1951	148	6,314	927	595	7,836	563	
1952	144	6,448	1,087	569	8,104	554	
1953	152	6,475	1,242	540	8,257	560	
1954	141	7,081	1,312	938	9,331	614	
1953—								
March Quarter ..		39	1,503	301	106	1,910	135	
June Quarter ..		30	1,686	312	122	2,120	146	
Sept. Quarter ..		44	1,641	331	146	2,118	133	
Dec. Quarter ..		39	1,645	298	166	2,109	146	
1954—								
March Quarter ..		33	1,595	307	187	2,089	141	
June Quarter ..		28	1,838	325	253	2,416	167	
Sept. Quarter ..		41	1,874	349	260	2,483	159	
Dec. Quarter ..		39	1,774	331	238	2,343	147	
1955—								
March Quarter ..		32	1,753	331	185	2,269	156	

(a) The quantity of brown coal used in the manufacture of briquettes is included in previous columns in the figures of production by the State Electricity Commission.

VICTORIA—IMPORTS (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA) OF BLACK COAL.

Period.	Interstate.			Oversea.				Grand Total—Interstate and Oversea.
	From New South Wales.	From Queens-land.	Total.	From United Kingdom.	From India.	From South Africa.	Total.	
Year ended 31st December—	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.
1939 ..	1,404	..	1,404	..	..	..	..	1,404
1940 ..	1,207	..	1,207	..	..	..	..	1,207
1941 ..	1,590	..	1,590	..	..	..	..	1,590
1942 ..	1,705	..	1,705	..	..	..	..	1,705
1943 ..	1,583	..	1,583	..	..	..	..	1,583
1944 ..	1,659	..	1,659	..	..	..	..	1,659
1945 ..	1,472	..	1,472	..	..	..	..	1,472
1946 ..	1,504	..	1,504	..	..	..	..	1,504
1947 ..	1,413	..	1,413	..	..	..	..	1,413
1948 ..	1,440	..	1,440	24	..	..	24	1,464
1949 ..	1,197	..	1,197	145	185	24	354	1,551
1950 ..	1,144	8	1,152	..	211	217	428	1,580
1951 ..	1,236	72	1,308	..	139	72	211	1,519
1952 ..	1,488	166	1,654	..	200	..	200	1,854
1953 ..	1,262	160	1,422	..	17	..	17	1,439
1954 ..	1,252	143	1,395	..	..	..	..	1,395
1953—								
March Quarter	248	50	298	..	17	..	17	315
June Quarter	246	62	308	..	..	..	..	308
Sept. Quarter	385	24	409	..	..	..	..	409
Dec. Quarter	383	24	407	..	..	..	..	407
1954—								
March Quarter	273	20	293	..	..	..	..	293
June Quarter	317	39	356	..	..	..	..	356
Sept. Quarter	361	47	408	..	..	..	..	408
Dec. Quarter	301	37	338	..	..	..	..	338
1955—								
March Quarter	253	22	275	..	..	..	..	275

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—ELECTRICITY GENERATED AND SENT OUT.

Period.	Electricity Generated—			Electricity Sent Out from Generating Stations—		
	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.
	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.
1938-39 Year ..	103·2	824·1	927·3	102·8	739·2	842·0
1949-50 ..	176·0	2,186·3	2,362·8	173·7	2,063·1	2,236·8
1950-51 ..	194·2	2,411·3	2,605·5	191·7	2,276·2	2,467·9
1951-52 ..	226·4	2,565·3	2,791·7	224·1	2,420·5	2,644·6
1952-53 ..	234·9	2,785·5	3,020·4	232·2	2,622·4	2,854·6
1953-54 ..	154·9	3,347·5	3,502·4	151·4	3,149·5	3,300·9
1952-53—						
March Quarter ..	42·5	661·6	704·1	42·0	621·8	663·8
June Quarter ..	24·0	801·0	825·0	23·4	756·4	779·8
1953-54—						
September Quarter	53·4	847·1	900·5	52·5	801·2	853·7
December Quarter..	60·4	767·0	827·4	59·5	722·4	781·9
March Quarter ..	16·6	801·1	817·7	15·5	754·5	770·0
June Quarter ..	24·5	932·3	956·8	23·9	871·4	895·3
1954-55—						
September Quarter	52·7	988·6	1,041·3	50·8	926·9	977·7
December Quarter..	66·5	868·1	934·6	65·8	812·2	878·0
March Quarter ..	48·1	859·4	907·5	47·7	804·2	851·9

Note.—Figures above of electricity generated by the State Electricity Commission (including Melbourne City Council Power House, Spencer-street) represented in 1953-54, 98·6 per cent. of the total generated by all authorities in Victoria.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

GREATER MELBOURNE—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
(a) Old Series.								
1938 Year	5,333	5,318	531	1,641	6,124	1,446	11,988	8,405
1939 " " " "	5,148	5,370	483	1,655	6,113	1,658	11,744	8,683
1947 " " " "	8,787	13,685	476	2,156	6,664	2,057	15,927	17,898
1948 " " " "	8,531	14,837	371	1,660	6,090	2,217	14,992	18,714
1949 " " " "	10,768	20,391	331	1,846	6,920	2,142	18,019	24,379
1950 " " " "	12,268	26,343	467	3,045	10,368	3,185	23,103	32,573
1951 " " " "	11,110	29,462	593	4,706	17,450	5,639	29,153	39,807
1952 " " " "	6,621	18,916	777	6,299	17,212	6,584	24,610	31,799
1953 " " " "	8,671	25,823	1,311	7,400	17,713	7,182	27,695	40,405
1954 " " " "	10,719	33,589	1,304	11,715	17,509	8,834	29,532	54,138

(b) New Series.

1954 Year	13,505	40,550	1,592	17,140	19,333	9,496	34,430	67,186
1954—								
March Quarter ..	2,970	8,661	320	5,190	4,460	1,687	7,750	15,538
June Quarter ..	3,365	9,849	448	4,564	5,021	2,707	8,834	17,120
September Quarter ..	3,764	11,906	431	2,459	5,232	2,577	9,427	16,942
December Quarter ..	3,406	10,134	393	4,927	4,620	2,525	8,419	17,586
1955—								
March Quarter ..	3,329	10,774	369	3,488	4,912	3,114	8,610	17,376

As from 1st January, 1954, the metropolitan area was re-defined for statistical purposes by the inclusion of additional municipal areas.

(a) Municipal areas in metropolis prior to 1st January, 1954.

(b) Municipal areas in metropolis as from 1st January, 1954.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1939 Year	647	460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720
1946 " " " "	693	768	39	34	1,096	160	1,828	962
1947 " " " "	819	1,032	47	99	937	162	1,803	1,293
1948 " " " "	800	1,203	33	443	832	251	1,665	1,897
1949 " " " "	1,060	1,793	41	585	1,149	275	2,250	2,653
1950 " " " "	1,280	2,446	29	118	1,172	429	2,481	2,993
1951 " " " "	1,072	2,469	60	572	1,369	362	2,501	3,403
1952 " " " "	657	1,587	95	642	1,363	604	2,115	2,833
1953 " " " "	787	2,075	150	1,173	1,473	712	2,410	3,960
1954 " " " "	964	2,787	159	1,318	1,558	858	2,681	4,963
1953—								
March Quarter ..	154	407	34	148	310	166	498	721
June Quarter ..	197	514	34	419	420	234	651	1,167
September Quarter..	226	606	50	327	384	152	660	1,085
December Quarter ..	210	548	32	279	359	160	601	987
1954—								
March Quarter ..	188	536	30	169	305	129	523	834
June Quarter ..	220	652	36	348	427	166	683	1,166
September Quarter..	317	914	59	566	481	322	857	1,802
December Quarter ..	239	685	34	235	345	241	618	1,161
1955—								
March Quarter ..	198	585	25	226	390	239	613	1,050

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton, and Warrnambool.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Contracts Let(a) during Period for the Erection of Dwelling Units.			Dwelling Units Completed during Period.		
	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prior to 1942-43 ..	1,092	135	1,227	1,080	135	1,215
1942-43 Year ..	116	..	116	79	..	79
1943-44 ..	323	75	398	118	..	118
1944-45 ..	747	345	1,092	495	115	610
1945-46 ..	1,677	677	2,354	889	204	1,093
1946-47 ..	2,069	930	2,999	921	570	1,491
1947-48 ..	1,281	919	2,200	1,388	791	2,179
1948-49 ..	1,221	626	1,847	1,453	904	2,357
1949-50 ..	1,287	1,183	2,470	1,479	975	2,454
1950-51 ..	1,575	1,439	3,014	1,365	1,334	2,699
1951-52 ..	931	2,039	2,970	1,428	1,542	2,970
1952-53 ..	1,528	2,032	3,560	1,573	1,665	3,238
1953-54 ..	2,605(b)	718	3,323	2,140	1,450	3,590
1952-53—						
March Quarter ..	295	168	463	309	227	536
June Quarter ..	337	247	584	437	405	842
1953-54—						
September Quarter ..	520	123	643	567	437	1,004
December Quarter ..	638	250	888	498	480	978
March Quarter ..	633(b)	231	864	378(b)	200	578
June Quarter ..	814(b)	114	928	697(b)	333	1,030
1954-55—						
September Quarter ..	766(b)	167	933	742(b)	437	1,179
December Quarter ..	841(b)	501	1,342	744(b)	426	1,170
March Quarter ..	697(b)	244	941	428(b)	127	555
Grand Total to 31st March, 1955 ..	18,756	12,030(c)	30,786	16,322	10,675(c)	26,997

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

(b) Figures relate to the metropolitan area as re-defined for statistical purposes from 1st January, 1954.

(c) Including to 31st December, 1953, information relating to municipal areas incorporated in the metropolitan area as from 1st January, 1954, viz:—

	Contracts for Dwelling Units.	Dwelling Units Completed.
Shire of Dandenong	362	227
Shire of Frankston and Hastings	106	103

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz, 234 at Sunshine and 34 at Coburg.